

The BRYAN NEWSLETTER

Vol. XXIII

March 1956

No. 7



Left to right—Ladies of the court: Iva Hillegas, Alice McLeod, Queen Adrienne Kerr, Judy King, and Anne Tate. Gentlemen of the court—Evon Smith, Jim Barth, King Jim Reese, Lawrence Schatz, and Ken Campbell.

VALENTINE KING AND QUEEN ELECTED

At the annual Valentine Party King Jim Reese, of Williamston, Michigan, and Queen Adrienne Kerr, of Hammond, Indiana, reigned over subjects composed of the student body, faculty, and staff. Assisting them as court members were Iva Hillegas, Neenah, Wis.; Evon Smith, Englewood, Colo.; Kenneth Campbell, Ajax, Ontario; Anne Tate, Fincastle, Virginia; Alice McLeod, Hayward, Wis.; James Barth, Poland, Ohio; Judy King, Knoxville, Tenn.; and Lawrence Schatz, Johnstown, Pa.

The program was a vivid portrayal of the life of "Susie" and "Billy," as they moved from first-grade love to old age reminiscence.

The couple promised to love each other "for ever and a day" in their first grade meeting, fought in high school over Billy's too great interest in the new girl in town, and became formally engaged in a canoe on their college senior sneak (Bill was broke, so Susie paid for the ring). After being married and settling down in their new home, Susie and Billy were concerned over "Junior's" money-

grows-on-trees attitude.

The final scene showed the gray-haired grandparents marvelling at the younger generation's manners and fuming because Gabriel Heator's hour came on as late as nine in the evening.

Following the program the court moved to the dining hall, witnessed the crowning of the king and queen, sang some of the old-time love songs, and then listened to a heart-searching devotion on the heart, given by Carl Benedum.

Refreshments of heart-shaped ice cream, candy, and cookies and punch were served.

'Commoner' Goes To Press

According to a recent report from Editor Franklin Henley, the 1956 **Commoner**, University yearbook, is now in the hands of the printers. The actual date of its publication, along with the name of the individual to whom it has been dedicated and the other features of the volume, is tra-

(Continued on page 3)

CHOIR TO TAKE SPRING TOUR

Plans for the spring tour of the Bryan University Concert Choir have been announced as follows. The choir will leave Dayton by Continental Trailways bus on the morning of March 17th, travelling across the state of Kentucky for their first meeting at Elsmere, Kentucky, that night. From there they will journey on into Ohio for a series of meetings, then over into Indiana for one stop, and on up into Michigan, where most of their services will be held. In all, they will sing in thirteen different churches and one community school.

Gerald L. Woughter, director of the a cappella choir, states that the program will include a number of the better known religious classics, well-loved hymns and spirituals, and special numbers by the trumpet trio. Among the compositions used on the tour will be two original works by David L. Heydenburk, choir accompanist, and member of the University music department.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Talbot will
(Continued on page 4)

TALBOT GETS M.A. DEGREE



Gordon Gray Talbot, Instructor in Christian Education, was granted the M.A. in that field by Wheaton College at the winter commencement in January.

Mr. Talbot's thesis, "The Bible Institute Movement in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church," covered briefly the life of A. B. Simpson, founder of the denomination, and then traced the history of four official schools established and operated by the C. and M.A., including a study of their philosophy, curriculum, administration, and physical equipment.

In addition to teaching Christian Education at Bryan, Mr. Talbot is director of the Christian Service Association.

FROM MY HEART TO YOU

As we observe the birthday of William Jennings Bryan on March 19, I believe that we might well meditate on Mr. Bryan as a teacher. In the Bryan Memoirs Mrs. Bryan calls our attention to the fact that, "Much of Mr. Bryan's life was spent in teaching the principles of government and the obligations of citizenship." Her "first impressions of Mr. Bryan were a tall, slender youth, wearing a black frock coat and leading his class of boys into the Sunday School room."

Mr. Bryan saw no inconsistency between religion and politics, but saw, rather, that the Bible and spiritual truths were the foundation of our American way of life. Accordingly he believed that such instruction was vitally important for life here and hereafter, so he took advantage of every opportunity to focus the light of eternal truth on the personal and public problems of his day.

I personally believe that Mr. Bryan was really one of the greatest teachers that we have ever had in the United States, even though he was never employed on the staff or faculty of any grade school, high school, or university. His teaching was not confined to the four walls of any classroom. Instead, recognizing a sacred trust to exercise fully his God-given talents, he took the classroom to the people wherever he found them, in their homes, in their churches, in their auditoriums and in the open air.

Mr. Bryan made some of his most famous speeches at great national political gatherings. He spoke to our nation's federal and state legislative bodies. On the other hand, he was never so busy that he could not take time to minister to the needs of the individual. He firmly believed in the power of the Gospel to change and transform lives. Mrs. Bryan once recounted an incident in which Mr. Bryan walked down a muddy street to give his personal testimony and leave a good book with a young man who had attended one of his public meetings.

Mr. Bryan was the most famous chautauqua and lyceum speaker ever to stand on a public platform. Particularly in later years he spent much of his time speaking at Y.M.C.A. meetings, at church gatherings, and before the assembled students of Bible institutes, colleges, and uni-

versities. After moving to Florida Mr. Bryan taught a Bible class in Miami which outgrew the First Presbyterian Church and was moved to the park on Biscayne Bay, where as many as five or six thousand were in attendance each Sunday.

Mr. Bryan had the interest of an educator in the schools of our land, establishing scholarships in several colleges and universities. The William Jennings Bryan University was founded as a result of his suggestion, after the famous court case, that a school be established here in Dayton. I am sure that he would appreciate the material facilities that have been provided as a memorial. Most of all, I am sure that he would appreciate our top-notch faculty members who are doing such a fine work in the lives of the students. Through their teaching ministry, supported by the gifts and prayers of our many friends, Mr. Bryan's work as a teacher and educator is being carried on and perpetuated.

Judson A. Rudd
President Emeritus

Literary Society Gives Opening Program

"The Diary and Days of Sir Winston Geoffrey Abbingway" was the title of the first program to be presented by the newly organized literary society, a program well received by a large portion of the student body and faculty.)

"When one takes a long look at his life as a whole, people and their ideas stand out predominantly in influencing another's decisions, attitudes, ideals..."

In these words, Sir Winston Geoffrey Abbingway summed up the program for the evening. Sir Winston, aptly portrayed by Willis Brownlee, was an important though entirely fictitious, English politician of the Victorian era. As he reminisced in his armchair by candlelight, reading his diaries of years gone by, the highlights of his experiences were enacted before him once again. The coronation of Queen Victoria (Catherine McClune) by the Archbishop of Canterbury (Wilbur Pickering); an evening at the piano with Robert and Clara Schumann (Donna Black and Larry Granneman); his honeymoon trip to the Louvre (Jack Grammar, Charlene Sorrell, and the guide Emil Frey); a lecture on "The

Idea of a University" by John Henry Newman (Kenneth Campbell)—these were excerpts from his interesting life. An adaption of Browning's "My Last Duchess" was presented by Charles Russell, Margie Beikert, Ly.e Hillegas, Rachael O'Mera, and Charles Lawson, climaxing the evening of memories and bringing to life the characters of that well-known poem. The program was under the direction of Ardis Johnson and Joyce Hughes.

The reaction of the public to this, the first meeting of the society, promises good attendance in the future at a series of varied programs pertinent to problems of the world of yesterday and today.

Letter Of The Month



(Jeannie graduated from Bryan in June, 1949, then took her nurse's training at the Swedish Covenant Hospital of Chicago. This is her first report from the field.)

"As the little Missionary Aviation Fellowship plane circled over Siguatepeque, I could hardly realize that, at long last, I had arrived at my mission station. It was thrilling to see from the air the cross-shaped hospital, where many receive relief from physical suffering and discover that through the Christ of the cross they can receive a new heart as well.

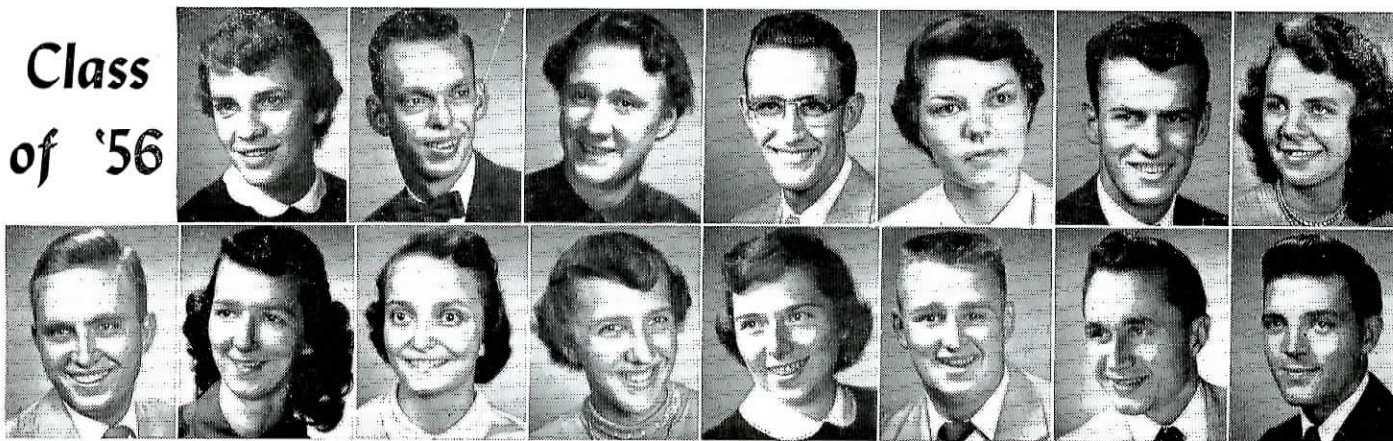
"It was so heartwarming to see the hospital staff awaiting us at the "airport"—a large cow pasture. As we drove up the hill in the jeep, I got my first view of our lovely situation. We can see the valley and town below and the mountains surrounding us on all sides. Because our altitude is 3,500 feet, our weather is temperate and not hot as it is along the coast of Honduras.

"After supper, the nurses showed me around the 35-bed hospital. It is almost unbelievable to see this modern building in such a remote area, but it is a credit to the Lord's work and is certainly put to much use. The nurses' home is also very comfortable and well built.

"In a few days, I was busy at work and practicing my Spanish as I went along. It is much easier now

(Continued on page 4)

Class of '56



Left to right, top row: Shirley Ardelean, Joseph Aschenbach, Marleen Beck, Everett Boyce, Jacqueline Bryant, Kenneth Campbell, Ethel Mae Davis. Bottom row: Mark Davis, Sarah Davis, Lois DiPietro, Janet Divil, Lois Frieswyk, Ralph Green, Dave Harmon, Robert Hearing.

MEET THE SENIORS

(A group of senior pictures and thumbnail sketches will be included in this and in the April issues of *Newsette*, in order that the readers may become a bit better acquainted with the members of the Class of '56.)

Shirley Ardelean: A history major from Wayne, Mich., Shirley has been active in sports, in the C.S.A., and was copy editor for the '55 *Commoner*. She was also junior concessions manager. Where something is going on—there one will generally find Shirley.

Joseph Aschenbach: From an army sergeant to an English major would be a long jump for some, but not for Joe, who has found time for forensic activities, leading the Pastor's Fellowship, being a photo bug, serving in the C.S.A. He hails from West Springfield, Mass.

Marleen Beck: Sports, athletic committee membership, Spanish Club, Child Evangelism, a place on the *Commoner* staff, and just taking part in college activities in general—these have marked Marleen, the English major from Danville, Iowa, as a busy young lady.

Everett Boyce: As a history major from Trailerville (Bryan Hill), Ev made his mark on the campus as a cross country runner and track man. He has also been active as chaplain of his class. Yes, he's married.

Jacqueline Bryant: Hailing from Atlanta, Ga., Jackie has chosen zoology as her major field. Coming to Bryan from Bob Jones University, she has been active in the C.S.A., in Art Club, and in French Club.

Kenneth Campbell: A "furriner" from across the border in Canada—

Ajax, Ontario—Ken has been one of Bryan's most active. Along with heading the Student Council, he has served in C.S.A., sports, the choir, and the Gospel Messengers. He is majoring in history.

Ethel Mae Davis: Xenia, Ohio, is her home, Christian Education her major. Sports, choir, and positions of leadership in Child Evangelism have occupied her "spare" hours. She has also been active in the F.M.F.

Mark Davis: Entering from Prairie Bible Institute, Mark, an English major, has found life on Bryan Hill full of C.S.A., F.M.F., forensics, Student Council work, choir, and the Gospel Messengers. Mark comes from Red Jacket, W. Va.

Sarah Davis: C.S.A., F.M.F. and membership on the student council have been some of the interests of Sarah, whose speech marks her quite clearly as from the South, Greenville, S. C., to be exact. She is majoring in English.

Lois DiPietro: Lois lives in West Palm Beach, Florida, and came to Bryan to major in Spanish. Out of class activities included C.S.A., F.M.F., Spanish Club, Camera Club, and a position on the '55 *Commoner* staff.

Janet Divil: Her major, Christian Education; her interest, among others, sports, choir, the *Commoner*. She lives in Hopwood, Pa., and attended the Immanuel College before entering Bryan and Waynesburg College during one summer.

Lois Frieswyk: Along with secretarial duties in one of the offices, Lois took an active part in C.S.A. and sports. She was Copy Editor for the '55 *Commoner* and president of

the girls dormitory for her senior year. Her major? History.

Ralph Green: Ralph stayed home to go to college, living in Dayton. He has been interested in sports and was also a member of the '55 *Commoner* staff. His major field of study is history.

David Harmon: Sports, C.S.A. and being a married student have taken a good portion of Dave's time in school. He is majoring in English. Though as a Trailerville resident currently, he is from Dayton, his home is in Pontiac, Michigan.

Robert Hearing: Another student who now lives in Trailerville, Bob comes from Lansdale, Pa. Especially interested in Home Missions Fellowship, he found time during during his junior year to serve on the *Commoner* staff. He is a Christian Education major.

"COMMONER" GOES TO PRESS

Continued from page 1)
ditionally held secret until the actual delivery of the yearbook.

Jim Barth, Business Manager, declares that this is to be the finest annual yet published at the University and that it will contain an unusually large number of excellent, history-telling photos which will bring pleasure both to the casual reader and to the former student who wants to "visit" once again the halls of Bryan.

Though the number of copies available is limited, early orders can be filled. The price is \$6.00. Friends desiring to secure a copy should forward a \$2.00 deposit with their order, which must be in the hands of the Business Manager not later than April 1.



Anybody's ball—Ron Bensinger (junior No. 9) and Rog Hughes (freshman No. 11) reach for a high one, while Lawson (10) McKinley (13) Wisthoff (right) wait for a chance at the ball. Official is Goehring.

Basketball Competition Keen

With the sophomore fellows and the freshman ladies each leading their leagues by one game, competition on the basketball court is proving to be keen this year. Games have been won or lost by single points, and the playing of extra periods has been necessary in a number of games before a definite decision could be made.

In the men's league the sophomores are out front with 4 wins and 0 losses, followed closely by the juniors, who have won 3 and lost 1.

For the girls, the freshman team apparently headed for top honors, with a present score of 4 wins and 0 losses. The juniors are again occupying the second place spot, with 3 wins and 2 losses.

Final games are to be played on the night of March 10. Present team standings are as follows:

Men		
Sophomores	4	0
Juniors	3	1
Freshmen	2	3
Seniors	0	5
Girls		
Freshmen	4	0
Juniors	3	2

Sophomores	2	2
Seniors	0	5

LETTER OF THE MONTH

(Continued from page 2)

than it was at first but I yet lack real facility in speaking. I am thrilled to note, however, that I have more freedom when I am talking to patients about spiritual matters than in ordinary conversation. Pray that the Lord will continue to help me.

"We have the joy of seeing a number of the patients accept the Lord. Our chaplain, Don Atilio, is very faithful in presenting the Word and tries to follow up the new converts as much as possible. Pray for him as well as the new believers as they go home to face much adversity and numerous temptations.

"The Christmas Season brought much joy as we thought of the Holy Child that was born into this world for the express purpose of going to the Cross to effect our birth into the family of God when we place our trust in Him. Also, I was thrilled to receive all the lovely cards and letters from you all. Thanks so much for remembering me.

"Then the unexpected. The Thursday following Christmas I had to have an appendectomy! I have had

an uneventful recovery and expect to be back at work in a few days. Am taking advantage of this convalescent period to get this letter off to you.

"P.S. My equipment came in duty free. I had to pay the broker only \$23.00 to cover the cost of his services, legal papers, and loading onto a truck coming to Siguatepeque! Thanks for praying!"

CHOIR TO TAKE SPRING TOUR

Continued from page 1)

be faculty representatives with the choir. Mr. Talbot is instructor in Christian Education, and Mrs. Talbot is a member of the staff.

The itinerary is as follows:

- March 17, Elsmere, Kentucky
Elsmere Baptist Church
- March 18, a.m. Norwood, Ohio
Norwood Baptist Church
- March 18, 3:00 p.m., Madeira, O.
Camargo School Auditorium
- March 18, p.m. Hamilton, Ohio
First Baptist Church
- March 19, Goshen, Indiana
First Baptist Church
- March 20, Williamston, Mich.
Baptist Church
- March 21, Highland Park, Mich.
Highland Park Baptist Church
- March 22, Wayne, Mich.
First Baptist Church
- March 23, Holland, Mich.
Immanuel Church
- March 24, Augusta, Mich.
Gull Lake Bible Church
- March 25, a.m., Lansing, Mich.
Maranatha Baptist Church
- March 25, p.m., Lansing, Mich.
Inter-City Bible Church
- March 26, Elkhart, Indiana
Grace Brethren Church
- March 27, Princeton, Indiana
Bethel Memorial Church

JANUARY GIFT INCOME

Operating Fund	\$4,327.14
Plant Fund	5,277.00

Total \$9,604.14

BRYAN NEWSETTE

"CHRIST ABOVE ALL"

D. W. Ryther.....Editor
Joanne McManus.....Circulation
Nola Jahnke.....Reporter

Published and Printed Monthly by
William Jennings Bryan University
Dayton, Tennessee
Entered as second-class matter, March 13, 1937,
at the post office at Dayton, Tennessee, under
the Act of August 24, 1912.